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6.	M/s Assam Tobacco. (P) Ltd.	201.46
7.	M/s Golconda Industries	1609.37
8.	M/s Assam Cigarette Co. (P) Ltd.	1447.86
9.	M/s Tirupati Tobacco (P) Ltd.	559.39
10.	M/s NETCO Ltd.	9351.17
11.	M/s New Zone India (P) Ltd.	1348.13
12.	M/s A.V.M. Tobacco (P) Ltd.	57.65
13.	M/s Kaziranga Tobacco Products Ltd.	363.45
14.	M/s Kreesna Industries Pvt. Ltd.	482.85

Permanent amnesty scheme

169. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce a permanent amnesty scheme;

(b) if so, what are the features of the permanent amnesty scheme;

(c) whether the new scheme is expected to exist side by side with the stricter tax regime; and

(d) whether under this scheme the tax payer will be asked to pay tax at the rate prevailing at the time the income originated or at the current rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY-OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Foreign Debt

170. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's foreign debt has mounted to more than US$ 105.00 billion presently;

(b) if so, whether this translates into every Indian citizen carrying a foreign debt burden of more than US$ 100.00 on his head; and

(c) whether Government feel it prudent to pay off a part of the foreign debt out of India' present bulging forex reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) India's external debt stood at US$ 105.0 billion at end-December, 2002.

(b) The per capita external debt of India amounted to US$ 101.2 at end-December, 2002.

(c) As a part of its prudent debt management policy, Government of India prematurely repaid high cost loans owed to the World Bank (IBRD) amounting to US$ 1687.8 million and to Asian Development Bank (ADB) amounting to US$ 1342.33 million in February, 2003. Government of India also inends to continue wth this policy of prudently managing the external liabilities and of proactively liquidating relatively higher cost component of its external debt portolio.

Central Government Group Insurance Scheme

†171. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3315 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd April, 2003 and state:

(a) by when the specific information required for amending the rates of contribution under Central Government Group Insurance Scheme will be received from different Ministries/Departments;

(b) the dates on which Ministry of Finance has written to different Ministries/Departments for sending this information; and

(c) what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The information required for amending the rates of cobtribution under Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme has not yet been received from concerned Ministries/Departments. Efforts are underway to obtain the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.